

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 19, 2003, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 106, First Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Berggren, Tim Francis, Bruce Helwig, Jim McKee, Bob Ripley and Carol Walker; (Terry Young absent). Dallas McGee of Urban Development; Marvin Krout, Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes for the meeting held May 15, 2003. Motion to approve made by McKee, seconded by Walker. Motion for approval carried 6-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker voting 'yes'; Young absent.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY HAWLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR HAWLEY LANDMARK DISTRICT, GENERALLY BOUNDED BY N. 24TH STREET, 'R' STREET, N. 26TH STREET AND 'U' STREET

PUBLIC HEARING: June 19, 2003

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Young absent. Peggy Struwe, President of the Hawley Neighborhood Association appeared to present the application. This district was created 3-4 years ago. It took a while to get the logo, but now they have a plan for district signs. A composite drawing was included in the agenda.

Francis wondered where the signs would be placed. Ms. Struwe responded that the signs would be at the outer edges of the historic district. The locations were approved by the Hawley Neighborhood Association board.

Ripley questioned how many total signs there are. Ms. Struwe believes there are 8-10.

ACTION:

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McKee made a motion for approval, seconded by Helwig.

Berggren likes the logo. The other Commissioners agreed, it looks nice. Ed Zimmer stated that these signs will be the same general design that has been used in other historic districts, brown with white lettering. Existing poles will be used where possible.

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker voting 'yes'; Young absent.

APPLICATION BY NUSTYLE DEVELOPMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE OLD FEDERAL BUILDING, 121 N. 10TH STREET, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Young absent. Steve Weber of Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker appeared. He stated that this is to update the Commission on what has happened since the last meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. He will have complete plans sent over for the Commissioners' review. We are probably looking at the city to take around 3 weeks to look everything over for the building permit. He is anticipating having a building permit the 1st or 2nd week in August. Things have not changed a whole lot from the plans presented at the last meeting. He does not think anything has changed within the easement areas. Outside the easement, an alcove has been added off the public lobby, on the 1st floor. The upper levels are about the same as what the Commission has already reviewed. LES is not compromising on the location of the transformer. They want the transformer behind the fence in the front yard. The existing transformer sits in a corner in the basement that LES maintains. Their 2 issues seem to be maintenance and safety.

Berggren questioned if this will be all new service. Mr. Weber replied he was correct.

McKee wondered what would be the problem with having it below grade and open. Berggren assumes it would be a safety issue.

Mr. Zimmer will try and explore a policy discussion with LES. He will convey to them that all of the Commissioners expressed great dismay at the proposed location of the transformer.

Mr. Weber and Dennis Coudriet of Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker discussed various design details with the Commission regarding the rest of the building.

Ripley asserted that he would still like to see some type of UV film used on the windows in the courtroom to help preserve the space. Mr. Weber replied that the storm windows will have UV film.

Mr. Zimmer stated that the applicant's goal is to be ready for a building permit around August 1. Fully detailed drawings will be provided to the Commissioners for review. Ripley will be happy to review the drawings with Mr. Zimmer before the July meeting.

McKee wondered what will be done with the artesian well in the basement. Mr. Weber replied that from drawings they have seen, it appears the well was filled with concrete.

McKee moved approval of the general design and finishes proposed for the project at this point, with the following exceptions: resolution of the transformer location and more specificity with regard to what is determined for finishes in the courtroom or any public areas, seconded by Francis. Motion for approval carried 6-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker voting 'yes'; Young absent.

STAFF REPORT:

- Mr. Zimmer has been working with the State Historical Society on the African American History project. There will be an exhibit later this fall of photos from glass negatives that were found. After the Lincoln showing, the exhibit will travel for 4-5 years to approximately 15 locations. He expects that more material may come forward through this effort. He got a call from Jim Seacrest who has been interested in photographic history of Lincoln. Mr. Seacrest had some glass plates of Lincoln from the 1920's. They do not appear to be the same photographer. There was a clear picture of a Ku Klux Klan meeting with a burning cross.
- Berggren announced that this Sunday is the annual meeting of the Friends of Whitehall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.